

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 7/08/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 280-281, 283-291, 293-299; they are renumbered as claims 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the amendment received on 7/08/2005.
2. Claims 280-281, 283-291, 293-299 are pending.

Priority

3. This application claims a priority date of 3/27/1999 (a continuation).

Drawing

4. This application is filed with 12 sheets of formal drawings on 3/31/2003, and they are accepted by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter & Reasons for Allowance

5. Independent claims 280, and 290 are patentable over the closest references of Krishnan et al., Stefik, and Downs et al., because besides other claimed limitations these prior art do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach a method for a server to provide a client computer a digital license to render a digital content, the digital content is encrypted with a decryption key, comprising a claimed step of:

receiving, from the client computer, a client certificate including a public key associated with the client computer then encrypting the decryption key with the public key.

Note: The reference of Krishnan discloses a symmetric key in a system for facilitating digital commerce wherein a client obtains content from a content server and then obtains an electronic license certificate; however, that symmetric key is not a decryption key for decrypting encrypted content as is required by independent claims 280, and 290; also Krishnan/Stefik is silent to generating a license by applying

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a key identifier as an input to an algorithm by which the decryption key is produced, encrypting the decryption key with a public key as is required by those claims.

6. Claims 281, 283-289, and 291, 293-299 are allowed because they are dependent on independent claims 280, and 290.

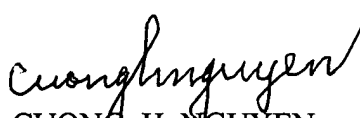
Conclusion

7. Pending claims are patentable.

Claims 280-281, 283-291, 299 are renumbered as claims 1-18 (in that order).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-6759. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 17:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THOMAS G. BLACK can be reached on 571-272-6956. The Rightfax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-6956. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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